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17-MAY-1944

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MISSION NUMBER 174DATE 17-MAY-1944MISSION FOLDER CHECK LIST

## 1. Warning order, field order, annexes;

Target maps and illustrations:

- Briefing Information:
- a) main & gunners' briefing,
  - b) camera installations
  - c) duty officer check list,
  - d) lists of admission
  - e) crew lists.

## 2. Formation chart;

Interrogation forms;

Combat forms and a) letter of transmittal

b) letters re evaluated encounters, S-2 &amp; 3 B.D.

## 3. A/C returning early;

Hot news

Operational statistics ( Telephone report );

Operational narrative;

Intelligence narrative;

A/C landing away;

PRO reports;

- Miscellaneous reports:
- a) equipment malfunctions,
  - b) crew comments,
  - c) battle damage,
  - d) sortie information
  - e) statistical flak forms,
  - f) flak reports;

Missing a/c and missing crew reports.

4. 3rd B.D. flash report, and narrative teletypes;  
Strike photos, raid assessments, BCNO, etc;  
Statistical work sheet;  
Mission folder check list.

Material is placed in the folder in this order, material mentioned last is on top.

S-2 - 55/28/4/44

**RESTRICTED**  
**AUTH 8th Ftr Comm**  
**Ltr of 14SEPT1945**  
**Date SEP 19 1945 J.D.S.**



17 MAY 1944

890TH COMPOSITE GROUP.

18A LOW

R/D @ Returned Early

(C) - B-17G  
(D) - B-17F

MARKING

FOOBAR

LACY 889 J

H OWARD-MALCOLM 886 E

DILLER 126 D WOLFE 007 B

BREWER 009 X NOBLE 905 T

FOOBAR

SHELLY 085 Y

PEARSON 621 A  
COMPOSITE GROUP

HARRIS 557 E ROSINE 611 E

ROGERS 807 O WILLIAMSON 941 W

NO'S HIGH

LOW SQDN

COMBAT MISSION

FORMATION POSITION  
LEAD SQDN

TAXI \_\_\_\_\_ TAKE OFF \_\_\_\_\_  
 ASSEMBLY ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_  
 GROUPS \_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES \_\_\_\_\_ R/T CALLS \_\_\_\_\_  
 APPROACH first control point time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gp HIGH \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gp LMD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gp LOW \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTROL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_  
 ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_  
 REFERENCE ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CLIMB: \_\_\_\_\_ PER MINUTE \_\_\_\_\_ MPH \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZERO HOUR \_\_\_\_\_  
 ROUTE BACK: DESCENDING \_\_\_\_\_  
 IFA ENGLISH COAST \_\_\_\_\_ IFA BASE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last departure time from base to make last control point \_\_\_\_\_

**13 A LEAD**FORMATION POSITION  
LEAD SQDN  
**KIDMEAT**COMBAT MISSION  
**17 MAY 1944****COL. JEFFREY PFF****TOWNSEND 230 B pff****JESPERSON 095 F****HORNE 987 A KEYS 723 R**LOW SQDN  
RUBBER  
**EVANS 065 U**MAFKING  
HIGH SQDN  
**MASSOL 047-0****ROTH 175 O BETHEA 7090 D****ZAPT 936 M RAKE 018 L****MAJOR 306 S****GRENIER 066 H****RYAN 071 P LISCHER 087 Z****SCHOMP 767 E WOLF 867 Z**

COMPOSITE GROUP

SPARES  
**KIDMEAT****ROEDER 347 K****RUMLEY 191 W**  
**RUBBER**

GROUND SPARES

(F) - B-17F	404 V	RUBBER	
(G) - B-17G	049 U	POORAH	
R/E @ Returned Early	986 M	KIDMEAT	LEAD
	530 K	MAFKING	

TAXI \_\_\_\_\_ TAKE OFF \_\_\_\_\_ RUNWAY \_\_\_\_\_  
 ASSEMBLY ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_  
 GROUPS \_\_\_\_\_ FLARES \_\_\_\_\_ R/T CALLS \_\_\_\_\_ Approach first control point fro  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Gp HIGH \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Gp LEAD \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Gp LOW \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTROL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_  
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 REFERENCE ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CLIMB: \_\_\_\_\_ PER MINUTE \_\_\_\_\_ MPH  
 ZERO HOUR \_\_\_\_\_  
 ROUTE BACK: DESCENT \_\_\_\_\_  
 ETA ENGLISH COAST \_\_\_\_\_ ETA BASE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last departure time from base to make last control point \_\_\_\_\_



AUTHORIZED ADMISSION

CHECK NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS  
PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

ABBEY, Lt.	REEDER, Major
BENNETT, Lt. Col.	ROSENTHAL, Capt.
BOWMAN, Capt.	STOVER, Capt.
CALLAHAN, Sgt.	TURNER, Lt. Col.
CLOUTER, Capt.	WALLICH, Major
CROSBY, Capt.	WILLIAMS, M/Sgt.
DOUGLAS, Capt.	SPENCE, S/Sgt.
EMERSON, Major	SWARTOUT, Capt.
FITZGERALD, Major	VENTRIS, Capt.
FRYE, Capt.	YOUNGS, Capt.
FULLER, Major	ZELLER, Capt.
GUMMERSALL, Capt.	*****
HARDY, Capt.	S-2 DUTY OFFICER <u>Capt. Johnson</u>
HARRISON, Capt.	<u>Capt. MacKesey</u>
HOWARD, Lt.	<u>Lt. Bauman</u>
IANNACONE, Capt.	<u>S/Sgt. J. Smith</u>
JEFFREY, Lt. Col.	<u>S/Sgt. Wm. Smith</u>
KIDD, Lt. Col.	<u>S/Sgt. J. Gannon</u>
KINDER, Capt.	<u>Sgt. T. HoraK, Cpl P. DeLeonardo.</u>
LASH, Capt. ✓	DUTY NAVIGATOR _____
MASON, Capt.	DUTY BOMBARDIER _____
MCCARTHY, Capt.	_____
McGill, Capt.	_____
MILBURN, Lt.	_____
ORENSTEIN, Lt.	_____
PIKE, Lt.	_____
S-2 52/15-5-44	DATE OF BRIEFING _____

Crew No.	Rad	Eng	BTG	R & W	LAD	T.G
2		✓	✓		✓	✓
5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
11	✓					✓
12		✓			✓	✓
15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18			✓			
19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14		✓				
24	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
30		✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
55			✓			
50	✓		✓	✓		✓
53			✓	✓	✓	✓
61	✓	✓				✓
63	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
66						
62	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	



351st BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) ARMY AIR FORCES  
Office of the Operations Officer  
APO #559

LOADING LIST FOR OPERATIONAL MISSION OF 17 MAY 1944.

Crew No. 70 - Plane No. 047

P - 1st Lt. J. F. Massol  
CP - 1st Lt. H. D. Granger  
N - 1st Lt. G. E. Benitz (20)  
B - 1st Lt. S. E. Dittbenner  
R - T/Sgt. A. J. Spengler  
E - T/Sgt. W. T. Westley  
BT - S/Sgt. W. C. Williams  
RW - S/Sgt. O. H. McCartney  
LW - S/Sgt. W. L. Reneau  
TG - S/Sgt. N. E. Garmon

Crew No. 61 - Plane No. 936

P - 1st Lt. E. Zapf  
CP - 2nd Lt. W. D. Lawson  
N - 2nd Lt. R. F. Vaughan  
B - 2nd Lt. F. D. Chapin  
R - T/Sgt. J. Rodemich  
E - T/Sgt. G. R. Koger  
BT - S/Sgt. F. A. LoBello  
RW - S/Sgt. G. E. Anderson  
LW - S/Sgt. C. J. Goplinski  
TG - S/Sgt. R. D. Kreitzer

Crew No. 63 - Plane No. 867

P - 2nd Lt. E. W. Wolf  
CP - 2nd Lt. E. R. Kennedy  
N - 2nd Lt. D. L. Thompson  
B - 2nd Lt. H. E. Newell  
R - T/Sgt. G. K. Rowe  
E - T/Sgt. P. J. Sattler  
BT - S/Sgt. A. F. Karnis, Jr.  
RW - S/Sgt. W. J. Howard  
LW - S/Sgt. E. Lagarchik  
TG - S/Sgt. R. A. Stachel

Crew No. 64 - Plane No. 389

P - 1st Lt. L. G. Lacy  
CP - 1st Lt. G. E. Schindler  
N - 2nd Lt. R. E. Rossman  
B - 1st Lt. H. Greenberg  
R - T/Sgt. G. H. Wood, Jr.  
E - T/Sgt. S. A. Cary  
BT - S/Sgt. C. L. Powell, Jr.  
RW - S/Sgt. J. S. Folsom  
LW - S/Sgt. R. J. Mitchell  
TG - S/Sgt. M. Rotz

Crew No. 24 - Plane No. 126

P - 1st Lt. K. J. Dille  
CP - 2nd Lt. J. L. Passerino  
N - 2nd Lt. J. R. Cooper  
B - 2nd Lt. V. J. Perez  
R - S/Sgt. L. M. Kirby  
E - S/Sgt. G. A. Baytos  
BT - Sgt. A. J. Arreola  
RW - S/Sgt. N. Perovich  
LW - Sgt. A. Stankovich  
TG - Sgt. N. O. Berger

GROUND SPARE: 530

Crew No. 21 - Plane No. 018

1st Lt. G. W. Rake  
2nd Lt. D. R. Drysdale  
2nd Lt. R. L. Mishler  
2nd Lt. F. L. Cate  
T/Sgt. L. A. Miller  
T/Sgt. E. C. Rogers  
S/Sgt. L. Tekel  
S/Sgt. R. J. Bourquin  
S/Sgt. D. M. Pflaum  
S/Sgt. E. E. Evans

Crew No. 19 - Plane No. 066

1st Lt. W. L. Greiner  
1st Lt. C. A. Bowers, Jr.  
2nd Lt. G. T. Lewis  
2nd Lt. G. A. Meyer  
T/Sgt. W. H. Wakefield  
T/Sgt. J. Poage  
S/Sgt. E. Buchanan  
S/Sgt. C. E. Wabner  
S/Sgt. R. L. McDaniel  
S/Sgt. E. A. Farkas

Crew No. 66 - Plane No. 767

2nd Lt. R. J. Schomp  
2nd Lt. H. C. Preher  
2nd Lt. R. W. Culwell  
S/Sgt. J. M. Delaney (extra)  
T/Sgt. J. P. Hunter  
T/Sgt. E. J. Radke  
S/Sgt. J. Rosolino  
S/Sgt. E. E. Flood  
S/Sgt. W. R. Hogan  
S/Sgt. A. J. Malaney

Crew No. 62 - Plane No. 007

1st Lt. C. W. Woldt  
2nd Lt. K. H. Knowlton  
2nd Lt. J. R. Townsend  
Sgt. C. P. Coulam (extra)  
T/Sgt. D. A. Sachs  
T/Sgt. J. C. Arnold  
S/Sgt. E. J. Foulds  
S/Sgt. A. G. Langhoff  
S/Sgt. R. M. Norman  
S/Sgt. J. J. Selvenis

JOSEPH L. ZELLER,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.



550TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF  
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
AAF Station # 139

17 May 1944

ROSTER OF COMBAT CREWS ON OPERATIONAL MISSION 17 MAY 1944

CREW 11 PLANE 31537

P - Lt R A Wegrzynek  
CP - Lt C J Gutakunst  
N - Lt E J Kauffman  
B - Lt J L Hppendorf  
R - T/Sgt E V Sarich  
E - T/Sgt G W Wright  
BT - S/Sgt D E Strausbaugh  
RW - S/Sgt L A Rice  
LW - S/Sgt E J Tyrrell  
TG - S/Sgt R J Bassano

CREW 12 PLANE 97534

Lt F J Malooly  
Lt R B Howard  
Lt C H Mauvais  
Lt R W Bailie  
T/Sgt R C Barrie  
T/Sgt A J Perry  
S/Sgt M A Hardee  
S/Sgt W H Miller  
S/Sgt L W Yeager  
S/Sgt L Gnovese

CREW 14 PLANE 97095

Lt J M Shelly  
Lt A Skaar  
Lt H E Spiller  
Lt E A Payette  
T/Sgt G R Trunkett  
T/Sgt E D Louther  
S/Sgt V M Harikian  
S/Sgt G Winkler  
S/Sgt H F O'Donnell  
S/Sgt R H Bates

CREW 15 PLANE 38009

P - Lt G A Brewer  
CP - Lt R W Bailie  
N - Lt E W McFeely  
B - Lt C W Howison  
R - T/Sgt E C Montgomery  
E - T/Sgt B J Mancini  
BT - S/Sgt E Q Lupia  
RW - S/Sgt R E Mace  
LW - S/Sgt L E Neveu  
TG - S/Sgt E R Wilbur

CREW 18 PLANE 31903

Lt J B Noble  
Lt ~~W~~ S. P. Lombard  
P/O A Maruchons  
Lt D D Irons  
T/Sgt R F Ellis  
T/Sgt R F Cruz  
S/Sgt C J Slaght  
S/Sgt F E Swartz  
S/Sgt A L Roberts  
S/Sgt W F McNally

CREW 20 PLANE 31941

Lt L L Williamson  
Lt J G Dennis  
Lt B O Barfield  
Lt H Carrille  
T/Sgt L E Kouns  
T/Sgt O B Sewell  
S/Sgt J C Townsend  
S/Sgt W Wisniewski  
S/Sgt C W Graham  
S/Sgt E H Anderson

CREW 53 PLANE 10811

P - Lt H Rosina  
CP - P/O R P Leaman  
N - Lt E Aita  
B - Lt E F Emma  
R - T/Sgt R V Haines  
E - T/Sgt W F Dear  
BT - S/Sgt R C Rodriguez  
RW - S/Sgt B D Mailoux  
LW - S/Sgt R M Goodman  
TG - S/Sgt C M Coleman

CREW 54 PLANE 37907

Lt J P Rogers  
Lt R B Lawler  
Lt F A Mende  
Lt B C Liberman  
T/Sgt T S Guralski  
T/Sgt D L Randall  
S/Sgt R B Catel  
S/Sgt G W Brooks  
S/Sgt C F Cherry  
S/Sgt A R Fibre

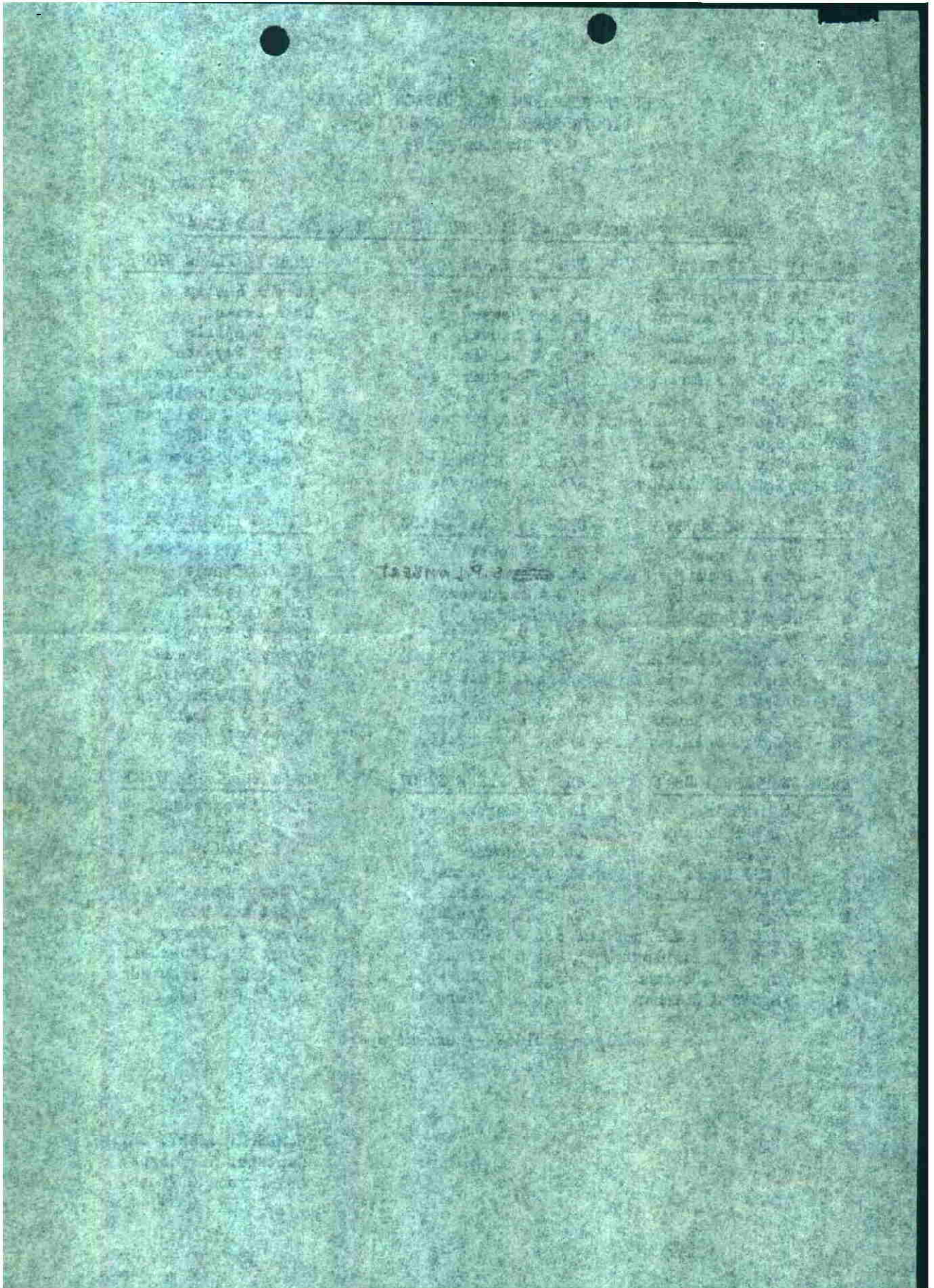
CREW 55 PLANE 37621

Lt D S Pearson  
Lt W D Lund  
Lt E S Melty  
Lt L H Smith  
T/Sgt H Sansevero  
T/Sgt E J Rene  
S/Sgt J S Morrow  
S/Sgt B F Trussdell  
S/Sgt H J Scribner  
S/Sgt J P Zigo

Plane # 31042 -- Ground Spare

JAMES R. GEARY, JR.,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.







FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
Office of the Operations Officer

17 May 1944

COMBAT CREW ROSTER FOR MISSION OF THIS DATE

CREW NO. 35 P #42-97065

Lt. J. A. Evans	P
Lt. E. F. Talbert	CP
Lt. H. S. Mears	N
Lt. J. A. Gtaziano	B
T/Sgt P. Churitch	R
T/Sgt L. M. Bailey	E
S/Sgt W. A. Barack	BTG
S/Sgt L. H. Lythagoe	RWG
S/Sgt C. Porter	LWG
S/Sgt E. J. Deluccie	TG

CREW NO. 74 P #42-97090

Lt. H. E. Bethea	P
Lt. L. E. Coleman	CP
Lt. R. W. Barry	N
Lt. O. L. Reid	B
T/Sgt R. A. Vance	R
T/Sgt W. R. Hellen	E
S/Sgt G. R. Symington	BTG
S/Sgt C. C. Dobbins	RWG
S/Sgt E. A. Skapin	LWG
S/Sgt D. W. Harris	TG

CREW NO. 30 P #42-36175

Lt. G. L. Roth	P
Lt. W. F. LeBaron	CP
Lt. D. Shoss	N
Lt. L. Brownstein	B
T/Sgt B. L. Reynolds	E
T/Sgt W. B. Yates	R
S/Sgt P. E. Hunter	BTG
S/Sgt C. R. Carlson	RWG
S/Sgt G. J. Allen	LWG
S/Sgt H. E. Rulong	TG

CREW NO. 76 P #42-31306

Lt. S. T. Major	P
Lt. T. Blins	CP
Lt. S. B. Green	N
Lt. W. A. Lichtenstern	B
T/Sgt J. E. Marion	E
T/Sgt L. H. Deatrich	R
S/Sgt J. H. Gage	BTG
S/Sgt H. F. Carter	RWG
S/Sgt M. K. Eckley	LWG
S/Sgt W. G. Moore	TG

CREW NO. 34 P #42-6087

Lt. R. F. Lischer	P
Lt. C. O. Cook	CP
Lt. M. A. Stockton	N
Lt. H. B. Williams	B
T/Sgt J. Martinkovich	R
T/Sgt G. Williamson	E
S/Sgt R. H. Mathiasen	BTG
S/Sgt W. J. Smith	RWG
S/Sgt P. H. Sweitzer	LWG
S/Sgt A. M. Trigg	TG

CREW NO. 79 P #42-37071

Lt. W. A. Ryan	P
Lt. R. W. Mau	CP
Lt. M. G. Kobasky	N
Lt. R. E. Nietz	B
T/Sgt A. G. Realy	R
T/Sgt K. E. Foster	E
S/Sgt J. P. Keenan	BTG
S/Sgt J. A. Bell	RWG
S/Sgt O. A. Riley	LWG
S/Sgt J. E. Robstock	TG

CREW NO. 75 P #42-36191

Lt. M. C. Rumley	P
Lt. R. P. Lippe	CP
Lt. M. Radulovich	N
Lt. W. F. Lowans	B
T/Sgt R. E. Harris	R
T/Sgt F. G. Smith	E
S/Sgt R. P. Kaasa	BTG
S/Sgt H. T. Kocent	RWG
S/Sgt P. V. Helmin	LWG
S/Sgt L. J. Kaminski	TG



349TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), ARMY AIR FORCES  
Office of the Operations Officer

17 May 1944

FOLLOWING CREWS ARE ALERTED FOR TODAY'S MISSION:

Crew # 5 Ship # 250  
P - 1st Lt. Townsend, L E  
CP- 2nd Lt. Roth, D J  
N - 2nd Lt. Holmes, A L  
B - 2nd Lt. Gardner, O D  
R - T/Sgt. Glasser, L P  
E - T/Sgt. Kolar, W W  
BT- S/Sgt. Anderson, C M  
RW- S/Sgt. Miller, J A  
LW- S/Sgt. Lane, G M  
TG- S/Sgt. Milan, E C

Crew # 6 Ship # 095  
P - 1st Lt. Jespersen, H N  
CP- 2nd Lt. Atkins, R F  
N - 2nd Lt. Seely, B W  
B - 2nd Lt. Savino, J  
R - T/Sgt. Gronkowski, P J  
E - T/Sgt. Kostoulakos, G J  
BT- S/Sgt. Fischer, F  
RW- S/Sgt. Kiriako, T T  
LW- S/Sgt. Legg, J E  
TG- S/Sgt. Durrenberger, J J

Crew # 2 Ship # 723  
P - 2nd Lt. Keys, J P  
CP- F/O Samuelson, E W  
N - 2nd Lt. Lollis, P W  
B - 2nd Lt. Dickens, E  
R - T/Sgt. Thomas, F O  
E - T/Sgt. Park, H P  
BT- S/Sgt. Martin, P P  
RW- S/Sgt. Costanza, J A  
LW- S/Sgt. Borba, G A  
TG- S/Sgt. Rieger, D V

Crew 8 Ship # 987  
P - 1st Lt. Horne, R D  
CP- 2nd Lt. McGrath, J M  
N - 2nd Lt. Hiley, J M  
B - 2nd Lt. Evans, J T  
R - T/Sgt. Willey, L C  
E - T/Sgt. Posdiak, R L  
BT- S/Sgt. Hunt, C G  
RW- S/Sgt. Hall, S M  
LW- S/Sgt. Wargo, J P  
TG- S/Sgt. Satron, J G

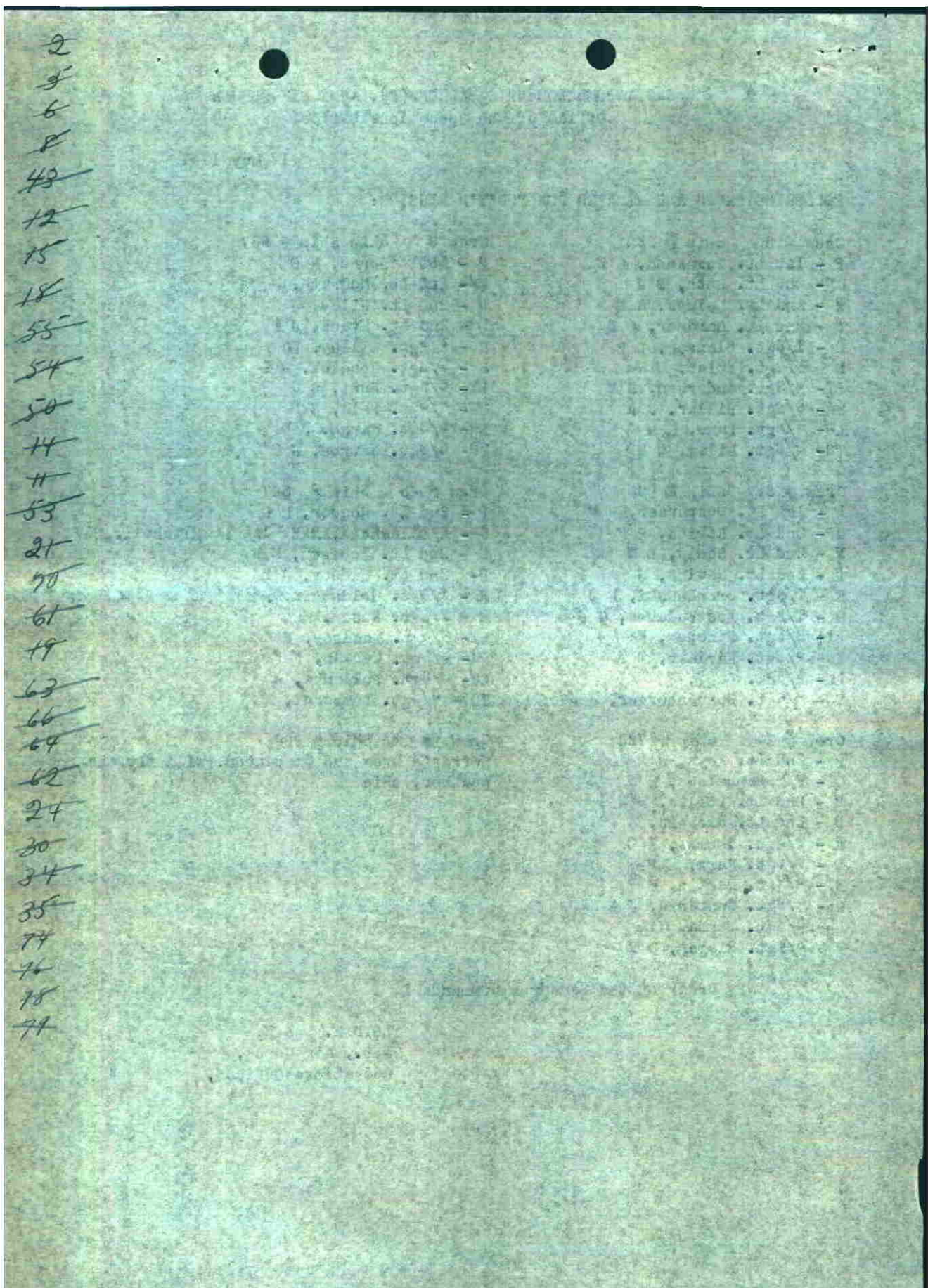
Crew # 43 Ship # 347  
P - 2nd Lt. Roeder, R G  
CP- ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1st Lt. Mitchell, P V  
N - 2nd Lt. Robison, C E  
B - 2nd Lt. Maddox, J H  
R - T/Sgt. Geldstein, F  
E - T/Sgt. Rasom, W D  
BT- S/Sgt. McKelroy, H E  
RW- S/Sgt. Cebalo, F F  
LW- S/Sgt. Poklemba, H  
TG - S/Sgt. Lombardi, A

Crew # 44 Ship # 986  
Herron's Crew and Stapleton, will fly the weather, ship

By Order of the Squadron Commander:

FLOYD H. MASON,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.







CHECK SHEET  
Duty Officer

17-MAY-1944  
(Date)

(Check each of following as handled)

BRIEFING INFORMATION

SPECIAL  
NOTES

- 1. From File Room (Except for Master File - File Clerk)
- 2. From Map Room
- 3. Course, assembly lines, pictures & Maps (War Room)
- 4. Pictures, & Maps (Main Briefing Room)
- 5. Course - Briefing Rooms (Duty Navigator)
- 6. Bulk maps & pictures to Map Room (File Clerk)
- 7. Epidiascope pictures prepared

FOOD (for S-2 staff during pre-briefing period)

FIRES (if necessary)

- 1. Gunners' Briefing Room (Tel. # 53)
- 2. Main Briefing Room

GUARDS

- 1. Authorized Admission List
- 2. Posting
- 3. Dismissal

JEEP (if not already available)

P/W KITS

- 1. Loading
- 2. Check out sheet & EM assignment

POST BRIEFING

- 1. Personal property & issue records to S-2
- 2. Briefing Rms. (Lights out, stoves closed, courses down)
- 3. Briefing material to appropriate folder in War Room  
(Removed from both Briefing Rooms)

(Fill in time or name)

1. Pre-Briefing at none

2. Briefing at 0315

3. Time over target 0923

4. ETR 1113

5. No. crews on mission 31

6. File & map clerks called at 0030

7. Other EM called at 0030

8. Briefing Officers: Notified

a. Main 0100 0100

b. Gunners' 0100 0100

c. Group S-2

9. EM assigned as follows:

a. Preparation of slides Sgt. Gunnar

b. Gunners' epidiascope S/Sgt. Gunnar

c. Main br. epiadiascope S/Sgt. J. Smith

d. P/W Kits Cpl. De Leonards

e. Map Room S/Sgt. Wm. Smith

10. Personal phone calls stopped

Picked up

Briefing time

0315

S/2 - 52/15-5-44

## BRIEFING

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEFING O. \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. TARGETS: (IMPORTANCE, SIZE &amp; IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS)

A. <sup>A</sup> PRIMARY TARGET: is the ZWISCHENHAHN AIRFIELD AND SERPENTINE STATION, G.R. located about 20 miles NW of Oldenburg, 15 miles ESW of Wilhelmshaven, and 30 miles E of the center of EMDEN. It lies on the west shore of a large lake, and runs 1500 yds NW/SE by 1250 yds NE/SW. The target is an operational A/P for site fights and also jet propelled rockets and being trained for operational use. The MPI for the head group is the disposal area on the W side of the A/P. The MPI for the composite is the disposal area on the N/E side of the A/P.

B. <sup>B</sup> SECONDARY TARGET: is the Port AREA at EMDEN. <sup>Get 30 miles W of the target</sup> It is an important one that handles most of the Swedish Iron Ore and is one of the busiest commercial ports in Germany. The MPI is the center of the town.

C. <sup>C</sup> TARGET  
LAST RESORT: = NONE

## 2. ROUTE:

A. FROM ENEMY COAST TO I.P.  
1. EMDEN DEFENSES.  
FIGHTING - 8 BLINK

B. FROM I.P. TO TARGET: 30 GUNS AROUND TARGET AREA.

C. ROUTE HOME:

## 3. OTHER DEFENSES:

A. SMOKE SCREENS  
EMDEN. Smoke screen at any time.

B. DECOYS:



## BRIEFING

DATE 17 May 1944BRIEFING O. Caot Mackesey

## 1. TARGETS: (IMPORTANCE, SIZE &amp; IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS)

A. PRIMARY TARGET: A/D at ZWISCHENAHN, Germany 8 miles WNW of Oldenburg.

This target is not only an operational A/D for night fighters but has recently acquired special prominence by reason of its being the only known base at which jet-propelled fighter units (ME163) are being trained for operational use.

B. SECONDARY TARGET: EMDEN (30 miles NW from Primary)

C. LAST RESORT:

## 2. ROUTE:

A. FROM ENEMY COAST TO I.P. The course taken in to the DIEPHOLTZ area is one often used and care should be taken to keep out of the defenses at IJMUIDEN. VECHTA (52 43' - 08 16') is defended by 8 guns. The corridor between CLOPPENBURG (52 52' - 08 03') flak and BREMEN is quite narrow. Suggest that CLOPPENBURG flak would be easier to take than that at BREMEN. NOTE: Cloppenburg flak extends to 52 25' - 08 23')

B. FROM I.P. TO TARGET: 30 guns in this and Oldenburg area .

C. ROUTE HOME: On course back from target, LEEUWARDEN (53 14' - 05 45') should be avoided.

## 3. OTHER DEFENSES:

A. SMOKE SCREENS

B. DECOYS:

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3D BOMB DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 233

## 1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT.

TO FOLLOW

## B. FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES.

1ST DIV. (7 WGS) WILL DEPART GT. YARMOUTH AT ZERO HOUR TO  
ATTACK TARGETS GW 4906, GU 4034, GU 4034, GU 3987.

2ND E DIV (4 WGS) WILL DEPART ORFORDNESS AT ZERO PLUS 22  
TO ATTACK TARGETS GW 4960, GU 4159, GU 3954.

## 2. A. TARGETS.

## PRIMARY:

GU 4083	MPI	052056/1	13A WG	- LEAD 250 GP	INST 1/40
		057074/1		- HIGH 250 GP	INST 1/40
		062065/1		- LOW 250 GP	INST 1/40
GU 4083	MPI	067033/1	13B WG	- LEAD 500 GP	1/10 1/100
		078035/1		- HIGH MAX M-47 I.B.'S	
		083037/1		- LOW 500 GP	1/10 1/100
GU 3945	MPI	072027/2	4 WG	- LEAD 1000 GP	1/10 1/100
		077029/2		- HIGH 1000 GP	1/10 1/100
		077029/2		- LOW MAX M-47 I.B.'S	
GU 3945	MPI	081033/2	45 WG	- LEAD 1000 GP	1/10 1/100
		081040/2		- HIGH 1000 GP	1/10 1/100
		085042/2		- LOW MAX M-47 I.B.'S	
GU 4203	MPI	034060/4	92 WG	- LEAD, HIGH 250 GP	INST 1/100
		056035/4		- LOW, LEAD 500 GP	INST 1/100
		050070/4		- HIGH, LOW M-47 I.B.'S	

## SECONDARY:

13A, 13B, 4 AND 45 WGS: GH 5477 (PFF) MPI 067036/6  
92 WG: ZH 65 MPI 024054/3

## LAST RESORT:

92 WG: ZH 983 MPI 024064/4  
OTHER WGS: NONE

## B. FORCE REQUIRED

13 COM WG : 3 GPS (21 A/C PER GP)  
4 COM WG : 3 GPS (21 A/C PER GP)  
45 COM WG : 4 GPS (21 A/C PER GP)  
92 COM WG : 2 GPS (36 A/C PER GP)

## C. DIVISION ASSEMBLY LINE

(1) 13A, 13B, 4 AND 45 WGS:  
BUNCHER 12 (22,000) ZERO MINUS 2  
BUNCHER 2 ZERO PLUS 4  
GT YARMOUTH ZERO PLUS 17  
TIMINGS FOR 13A WG

(2) 92 WG:  
SPLASHER 7 (22,000) ZERO PLUS 15  
BUNCHER 19 ZERO PLUS 24  
ORFORDNESS ZERO PLUS 32



## H. D. ROUTES.

## (1) GU 4063 (13A AND 13B WGS)

GT YARMOUTH	ZERO PLUS 17
5237-0437 (22,000)	ZERO PLUS 59
5235-0821	ZERO PLUS 108
5244-0833 (I.P.)	ZERO PLUS 111
TARGET	ZERO PLUS 121
5313-0744 (R.P.)	ZERO PLUS 124
5300-0735	ZERO PLUS 130
5300-0603	ZERO PLUS 148
5308-0450 (START DESCENT TO MIN ALT)	ZERO PLUS 162
GT YARMOUTH BASES	ZERO PLUS 199

## (2) GU 3945 (4 AND 45 WGS)

GT YARMOUTH (22,000)	ZERO PLUS 21
5237-0437	ZERO PLUS 63
5235-0821	ZERO PLUS 112
5244-0833 (I.P.)	ZERO PLUS 115
TARGET	ZERO PLUS 123
5305-0802 (R.P.)	ZERO PLUS 126
5300-0735	ZERO PLUS 132
5300-0603	ZERO PLUS 150
5308-0450 (START DESCENT TO MIN ALT)	ZERO PLUS 164
GT YARMOUTH BASES	ZERO PLUS 201

## (3) GU 4203 (92 WG)

ORFORDNESS (22,000)	ZERO PLUS 32
5142-0345	ZERO PLUS 64
5159-0714 (I.P.)	ZERO PLUS 107
TARGET	ZERO PLUS 112
5223-0700 (R.P.)	ZERO PLUS 116
5237-0638	ZERO PLUS 121
5237-0437 (START DESCENT TO MIN ALT)	ZERO PLUS 143
GT YARMOUTH BASES	ZERO PLUS 174

## E. BOMBING ALTITUDES

LEAD GPS: 22,000 FT.

## 3 A. WING ORDER AND STRENGTH.

## (1) B-17 GPS:

LEAD: 13A WG: 3 GPS. (18 A/C PER GP.)  
 2ND: 13B WG: 3 GPS. (18 A/C PER GP.) (1 GP. FROM 45 WG ATTACHED)  
 3RD: 4 WG: 3 GPS. (18 A/C PER GP.)  
 4TH: 45 WG: 3 GPS. (18 A/C PER GP.)

## (2) B-24 GPS:

92 WG: 2 GPS. (36 A/C PER GP.)

WGS SPACED AT 2 MIN. INTERVAL.

## Z. (1) ZERO HOUR: 0730 DEET 17 MAY 1944.

## (2) BOMB LOAD: (SEE 2 A. ABOVE)

## (3) TRAIN INTERVAL: MINIMUM

## (4) REFERENCE ALTITUDE: 21,000 FEET.

## (5) WINGMEN IN B-17 FORMATION WILL FLY FLAT WITH ELEMENT LEADERS.

(6) VHF CODE WORD AT I.P.:-  
 VISUAL: "RED FLARE"  
 PFF: "YELLOW FLARE"

(7) DISPOSITION OF P.F.F.  
 100 GP. - 2(413 SQ.)  
 95 GP. - 2(413 SQ.)  
 94 GP. - 2(333 SQ.)  
 452 GP. - 2(413 SQ.)



(8) B-17 GPS WILL FLY 3 A/C SPARES TO MID-CHANNEL.

4. COM UGS FORWARD COPIES OF FIELD ORDERS TO THIS HQ.

5. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. SPLASHER BEACONS: 4A, 10B, 6C, 7D, 5E, 9F, 3G, 13H, 16I

B. GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING AND NORTH EASTERN CAROLINA

C. HF D/F SECTION "H"

D. AUTHENTICATORS:

W/T: BOMBER CODE GROUP FOR "U/T"

VHF RECALL CODE PHRASE 92 WG: "HOME-FRONT"

VHF RECALL CODE PHRASE OTHER WGS: "PIPE-DREAM"

E. VHF RELAY AIRCRAFT, R/T CALLSIGN "PARROT", WILL BE FLOWN BY THE 13 WG OVER DIVISION ASSEMBLY LINE AT 24,000 FEET UNTIL DIVISION LEAVES THE ENGLISH COAST AT WHICH TIME IT WILL PROCEED TO 5200N - 0140E AT AN ALTITUDE OF 17,000 TO 20,000 FEET REMAINING UNTIL THE DIVISION RECROSSES THE ENGLISH COAST.

F. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CHANNEL "C":

8TH USAAF FIGHTERS: AMERICAN FIGHTER COMMON

9TH USAAF FIGHTERS ESCORTING 92 WG: 9TH FIGHTER COMMON

(92 WG HAS BOTH 8TH AND 9TH USAAF FIGHTERS)

G. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CALLSIGNS:

13A WG: VINEGROVE TWO ONE

13B WG: VINEGROVE TWO TWO

4 WG: VINEGROVE TWO THREE

45 WG: VINEGROVE TWO FOUR

92 WG: VINEGROVE FOUR-ONE

USAAF GROUND SECTOR: COLGATE

USAAF FIGHTER 92 WG: BALANCE FOUR

USAAF FIGHTER OTHER WGS: BALANCE TWO

H. ECM

(1) CARPET: NORMAL

(2) WINDOW:

ALL A/C OF THE 13A WG AND THE LEADING GP OF THE 13B WG WILL CARRY 360 UNITS OF CHAFF TO BE DISCHARGED AT THE IP FOR 14 MINUTES AT THE STANDARD RATE.

ALL A/C OF THE 4 WG AND THE LEADING GP OF THE 45 WG WILL CARRY 360 UNITS OF CHAFF TO BE DISCHARGED AT THE IP FOR 14 MINUTES AT THE STANDARD RATE.

ALL A/C OF THE 92 WG WILL CARRY 264 UNITS OF CHAFF TO BE DISCHARGED AT A POINT TWO MINUTES BEFORE THE IP FOR NINE MINUTES AT THE STANDARD RATE OF ONE LOT OF FOUR UNITS EACH TEN SECONDS.

I. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) WING AND GROUP LEADERS WILL MONITOR THE DIVISION VHF CHANNEL DURING DIVISION ASSEMBLY.

J. PATHFINDER CALLSIGNS:

94 GP: 634 PGYA

100 GP: 560 RYMH

95 GP: 554 RYMA

432 GP: 552 RYMF

94 GP: 614 PGYF

100 GP: 580 RYMG

95 GP: 556 RYMD

432 GP: 625 RYMU

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cc UNDER 5. G. 6TH LINE 92 WG: VINEGROVE FOUR-ONE NOT FOUR ONE AS SET



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ANNEX NO. 1 TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER 233

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT

(1) B-17'S:

RENDEZVOUS	TYPE AND A/F	CALLSIGN	CP	TIMING
ENGLISH COAST			1	
5237-0437	P-47 (8AF)	BALANCE 2-1	2	PLUS 59
5237-0700	P-47 (8AF)	BALANCE 2-2		PLUS 90
5236-0800	P-51 (8AF)	BALANCE 2-3	3	PLUS 103
TARGER GU 3945	P-38(8AF)	BALANCE 2-4		PLUS 123

(2) B-24'S:

RENDEZVOUS	TYPE AND A/F	CALLSIGN	CP	TIMING
ENGLISH COAST			1	
5142-0345	P-38 (9AF)	BALANCE 4-1	2	PLUS 64
5157-0635			3	PLUS 99
5159-0653	P-38 (9AF)	BALANCE 4-2		PLUS 102

(3) TWO GPS OF P-47'S, FOUR GPS OF P-51'S AND ONE GP OF P-38'S WILL PROVIDE TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT FOR 1ST B.D.

(4) TWO GPS OF P-47'S, TWO GPS OF P-51'S AND ONE GP OF P-38'S WILL PROVIDE TARGET AND WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT FOR 2ND B.D.

(5) THE 357 GP. (P-51'S), CALLSIGN BALANCE 1-9, WILL SWEEP TARGET AREA 20 MIN EARLY AND CALL WEATHER BACK TO ALL DIVISIONS.

(6) REFERENCE POINTS

P ZWOLLE  
I DUMMER LAKE  
S OLDENBURG  
T OLZEN  
O HANOVER  
L ARNHEIM

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CC 1. A. (2) LINE AFTER 5157-0635 CC TO READ: 5157-0653 NOT 5159-0653

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ADVANCE INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 233

GU4203

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AXIS OF ATTACK ON 360 DEGREE HEADING.

GU3945

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AXIS OF ATTACK ON 325 DEGREE HEADING.

GU4083

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AXIS OF ATTACK ON 315 DEGREE HEADING.

*052056/1 LEAD Gr Low Group (100th High Low Squadron)*

*082065/1*

FLAK:

92 CW

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COURSE IN TO IP IS FREE OF KNOWN FLAK POSITIONS. SOME MEAGRE FLAK MAY BE ENCOUNTERED FROM BOATS IN THE WATERWAYS ALONG COURSE IN, HOWEVER, THESE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS INACCURATE. SUGGEST CAREFUL UNCOVERING AT THE IP IN ORDER TO KEEP OUT OF THE VERY ACCURATE MUNSTER DEFENSES. THERE ARE TWENTY-SIX ACCURATE GUNS AROUND TARGET. ON COURSE OUT FROM TARGET, THE DEFENSES OF TWENTE A/C/D AND ONE BATTERY AT LINGEN SHOULD BE AVOIDED. EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN WHEN CROSSING COAST, COMING BACK TO KEEP ON BRIEFED COURSE AS THE DEFENSES OF IJMUIDEN TO THE SOUTH OF THIS POINT ARE ACCURATE.

4TH, 13TH ANB 45TH CW'S:

COURSE IN TO DIEPHOLZ AREA IS THE ONE OFTEN USED AND CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO KEEP OUT OF THE IJMUIDEN DEFENSES. FECHTA IS DEFENDED BY EIGHT GUNS. THE CORRIDOR BETWEEN THE CLOPPENBURG DEFENSE AND BREMEN IS QUITE NARROW, SUGGEST THAT CLOPPENBURG FLAK WOULD BE EASIER TO TAKE THAN BREMEN FLAK. THERE ARE 30 GUNS DISTRIBUTED AROUND BOTH TARGET AREAS MOST OF WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO FIRE AT GROUP ATTACKING GU4083. ON COURSE BACK FROM TARGET, LEEUWARDEN SHOULD BE AVOIDED UNLESS ATTACKED AS A SECONDARY TARGET. COURSE OVER ZUIDER ZEE SHOULD HIT NORTH END OF TEXEL ISLAND.

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GU4083

THIS TARGET IS NOT ONLY OPERATIONAL A/D FOR NIGHT FIGHTERS BUT HAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED SPECIAL PROMINENCE BY REASON OF ITS BEING THE ONLY KNOWN BASE AT WHICH JAT-PROPELLED FIGHTER UNITS (ME-163) ARE BEING TRAINED FOR OPERATIONAL USE.

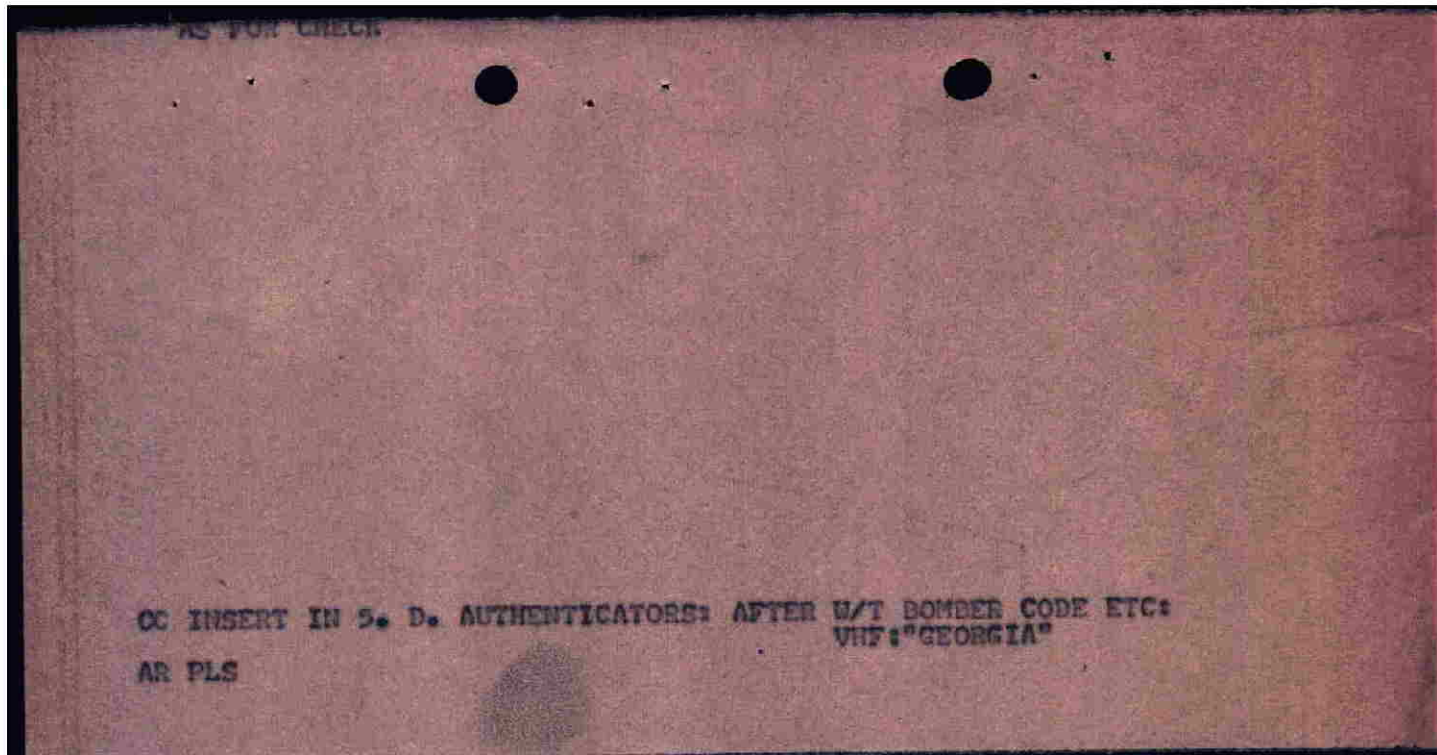
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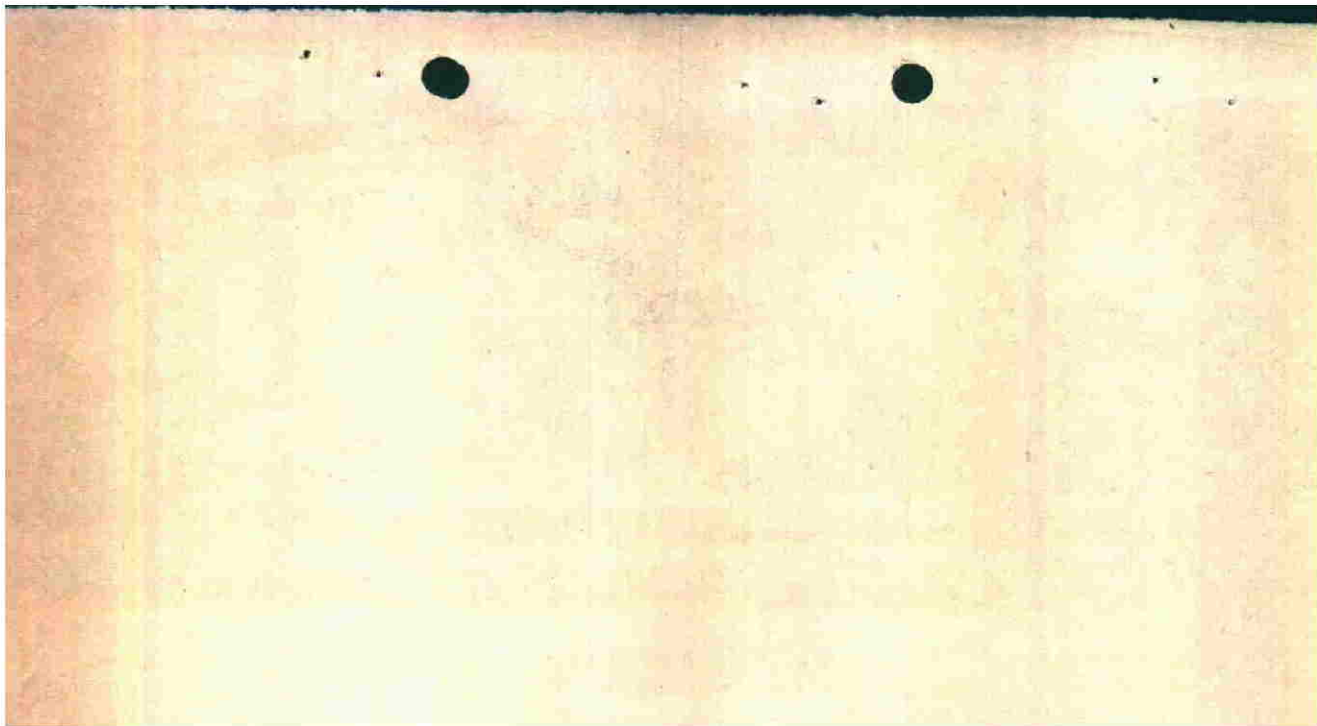


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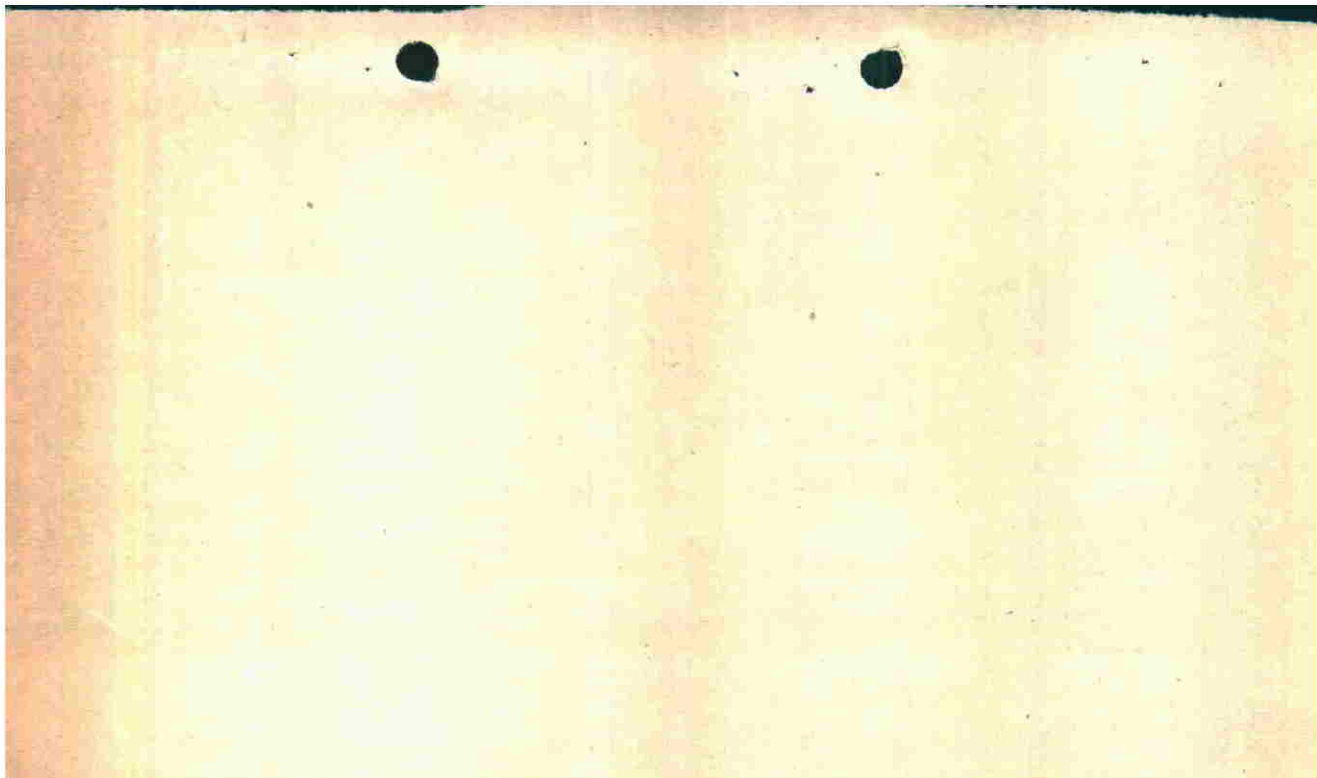
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2. A. THIS WG. ATTACKS PURSUANT TO 3 BD. F.O. 233.

B. TARGETS:

TARGET A CU - 4083

MPI'S 100 - 052056/1  
390A - 057074/1  
390B COMP - 082065/1  
95B - 067033/1  
95A - 083037/1  
388A - 078035/1

TARGET B - GH - 5477  
MPI 067036/6

C 13A  
FELIXSTOWE - ZERO MINUS 12

100 GR FROM E AT 22000 FT  
390 A GR FROM NE AT 23000 FT.  
390B GR FROM NE AT 21000 FT.

BUNCHER 22 ZERO MINUS 6  
BUNCHER 12 ZERO MINUS 2

D. 13B.  
CLAYTON ZERO MINUS 11  
95B FROM SE AT 22000 FT.  
95A FROM SE AT 21000 FT.  
388A FROM S AT 23,000 FT.

BUNCHER WX 22 ZERO MINUS 4  
BUNCHER 12 ZERO MINUS 2

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## 3.A 13A WG.

100 GR LEADS 16 A/C PLUS 2 PFF A/C PLUS 3 SPARE A/C  
PLUS 12 A/C TO FLY LOW & HIGH SQDNS IN 390B

390A GR HIGH 18 A/C PLUS 3 SPARE A/C

390B GR LOW 6 A/C PLUS 3 SPARE A/C PLUS 12 A/C  
FROM 100 GR FOR HIGH & LOW SQDNS.

B.

13B WG.

95B GR LEADS 16 A/C PLUS 2 PFF A/C PLUS 3 SPARE A/C.

95A GR LOW 18 A/C PLUS 3 SPARE A/C

388A GR HIGH 18 A/C PLUS 3 SPARE A/C

X 1. FUEL LOAD 2100 GALS.

2. BOMB LOAD:

100 GR & 390 B GR 10 X 500 INST. X 1/40

390A GR 16 X 300 G.P. INST. X 1/40

95A & 95B GR 10 X 500 G.P. 1/10 X 1/100

388 A GR MAXIM M -47

3. ALL SPARE A/C WILL BE AIRBORNE. THOSE NOT FILLING  
IN WILL RETURN JUST PRIOR TO DISPATCH LINE.

4. HIGH GROUP LEADER IS DEPUTY WING LEADER EXCEPT  
ON BOMB RUN.

5. WEATHER & VHF A/C 100 GR.

4.

5. A (1) FLARES

(2) LEADERS

(3) R/T CALLSIGNS

100 - GG

LT. COL. JEFFRYS

FIREBALL ABLE

390B - RY

MAJ PENNY BAKER

FIREBALL ORANGE

390A - R

MAJ. FENTON

FIREBALL GREEN

95B - G

COL. MOLLER

FIREBALL BAKER

95A - RG

CAPT. ABBOTT

FIREBALL RED

388A - Y

CAPT. TERRY.

XXXXXXXXX VAMPIRE  
YELLOW

390B - 100 GR HIGH SQDN - POGBAB

390B - 100 GR LOW SQDN - MAFKING

B. DEPUTY WG LEADERS

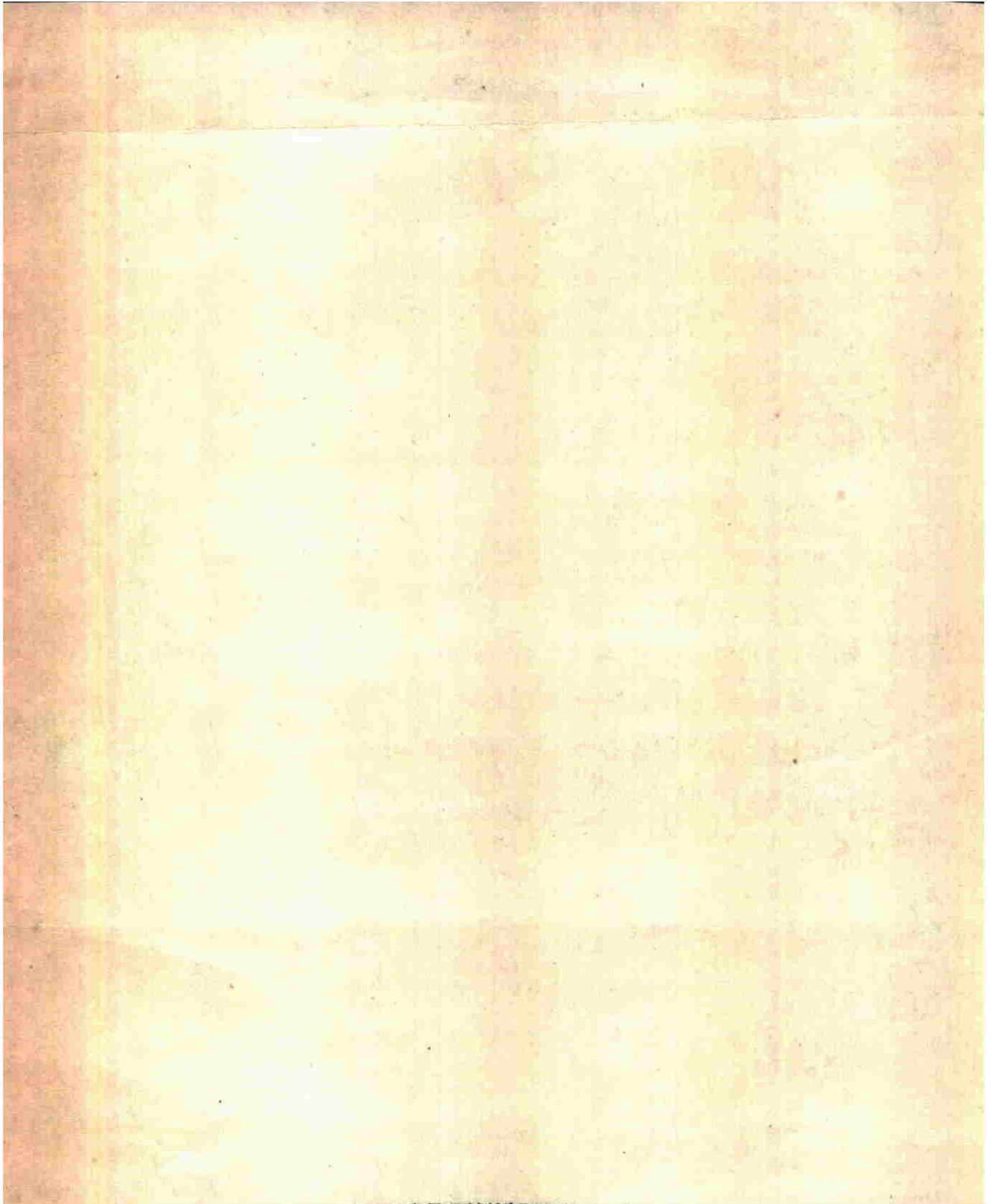
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13 B CAPT. BOCKMAN

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BOWMAN, Capt.	STOVER, Capt.
CALLAHAN, Sgt.	TURNER, Lt. Col. ✓
CLOUTER, Capt.	WALLICH, Major
CROSEY, Capt.	WILLIAMS, M/Sgt.
DOUGLAS, Capt.	SPENCE, S/Sgt. X
EMERSON, Major	SWARTOUT, Capt.
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